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TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1897. OBRERVANDA. Professor William P. Trent is a native of Virginia and professor in the University of the South, (Episcopal), at Sewance, Tenn. He is beyond fair question a man of literary gifts, and a writer of much force and eloquence. He is perhaps equal to any author now living of southern birth in the realm of letters, with the exception of two novelists, Miss Murfree and James Lane Allen. He has scored two literary successes in books-his life of William Gilmore Simms, and his book just issued-"Southern Statesmen of the Old School." We have read neither, and our knowledge of the young and brilliant author is limited to criticisms and an essay or two we have read in a magazine. His work on Simms, a gifted son of South Carolina, gave offence to the friends of the novelist and to many who are of the south His new book, in which he essays to discuss Washington, Jefferson, Randolph, Calhoun, Stephens, Toombs and Jefferson Davis, will prove offensive to all genuine states rights men-to all who stood faithfully by the south in the great upheaval and believed in the sacredness of its cause-to all who venerate Jefferson and Calhoun and Davis. The Charleston News and Courier in a brief paragraph scored the author. We intended to clip and reproduce. It plainly said, if we recall it, that the professor did not intend to tell the truth. Inthe New York Bookman for May there is an appreciative paper on this book of southern production, and yet it is discriminative. It concedes distinguished excellence to Professor Trent-says it is "excellent both as biography and as literature"that the characters are not merely described; they are realized, that it is very finely written-that there are eloquent passages and so on. It gives some of his views that will impress most men of the south as rather singular. For instance, the reviewer says: "He is certainly impartial. He depicts the southern president (Davis) as an able, but not a great man; an honest and high minded, but mistaken man; as an ill-starred leader of a cause justly foredoomed to failure." Again, quoting Trent: "Jefferson Davis lost his imaginary country at Appomattox, just where the new generation of southerners have found a real one." Doubtless the professor is one of the younglings of the "New South" who rejoice in the defeat of the south and its precious cause. He onght to follow Cable's example and hie him to lands where such "patriots" are held in high favor. This young teacher and author holds that Calhoun is rather a "small potato," we suppose, for he says he is "shadowy" and his reasoning "nightmarish." He brands Jefferson Davis as "the evil genius" of President Pierce. We take these few opinions from the review that reproduces them. The curious thing is that the critic, doubtless a northern man, controverts some of Trent's dicta, and by way of contrast copies from a northern work by Professor Burgess, of Columbia University, entitled "The Middle Period, 4817-1858." Professor Burgess condemns Garrison's methods, John Brown in Kansas as guilty of a "common crime of the blackest sort," and

says Secretary Jefferson Davis showed

himself "a remarkably upright man."

Professor Burgess fought the south

with his musket. He says he never

saw a slave. But his book is broad

and free from acute sectarianism. The

reviewer says Burgess "leans toward

what is commonly regarded as the

southern side." Trent has conciliated

the reading and applauding north by

abusing his own folks and misappre-

hending the great issues involved in

the second war for independence.

Trent abuses Tyler and Calhoun

while Burgess approves of their course.

Instead of slandering Davis as the

"evil genius" of Pierce, the northern

professor says that the attitude of

Pierce and Davis was "honorable and

praiseworthy," and to prove it cites

the testimony of the Free State leader,

Governor Robinson. Trent, seems to be

prejudiced and something ignorant.

The reviewer says, and, it is very sig-

nificant, and the informed will under-

stand its precise import: "In each of

the instances I have noted the north-

ern writer expresses an independent

judgment while the southern writer

follows Professor Von Holst. As a

foreigner, this historian should be

fairly impartial; in fact he is devotedly

abolitionist." Years ago it was our duty

and pleasure to criticize some of the

political views of the German professor

at Chicago. He belongs to the extrem-

est school of northern politicians. He

is the teacher and guide of this ambi-

tious and bold southern writer. Hence,

we are not surprised to be told by the

reviewer that Trent is "less interesting

in the legal aspects of the long sectional

struggle that preceded the civil war,

and is, therefore, less in sympathy on

the intellectual side"-mark that-

with the southern protagonists, who

had to fight, for the most part, on purely legal terms." Hence, while Trent could not understand Calhoun and Davis, Professor Burgess comprehends both, and holds that Calhoun was "concrete and intelligible-an acute barrister who stands firmly on his construction of the law that is already made, and ignores or resists the law that is in the making." These are the expressions of the reviewer, we suppose, condensing the northern writer's view. The reviewer says the southerner shows "a lack of interest in constitutional law," and ascribes it to "a certain flabbiness in his political science-for law furnishes the osceous structure of that science." He thinks Trent is "a trifle vague." He shows it by citations. Even the great Jefferson somehow fails to attract the southerner while he professes great admiration. The reviewer says he has "audacity and it makes him interesting." To show his marvellous sagacity and sense of humor, he says that "Calhoun would have been saved from many a blunder had he been able to speak disrespectfully of the equator-or of South Carolina." He steals a witticism of Sydney Smith to barb his Parthian arrow. Calhoun was one of the purest of all American statesmen and beyond all doubt one of the greaest. His speeches not only contain many maxims of political wisdom, but great prescience. He foretold much that has come to pass. He was one of the foremost of Americans, but to the young professor in Tennessee he was merely a "shadowy" sort of statesman without force or great personality-a man who had the nightmare when he reasoned. And this passes for insight, for wisdom, for judgment.

Quiller-Couch, the English novelist and critic, is now in charge of a department in the Pall Mall Magazine, of London. He is making a fine success of it. He is a very bright man, full of ideas and dash, with real grace of touch and wit with it. He has written two or three novels full of life, incident and interest. He also published not long ago a volume of criticisms, but this we have not seen.

scholars, who indulge "plain living and high thinking," there is one blessed comfort, the great writers-the standard authors of the world of all nations, England where books are enormously high for the new, the old books are very cheap. Lately the best literature -Scott, Goldsmith, Dickens, Lytton, and other standard authors, can be bought "creditably printed" for two cents a volume, bound in stiff covers. Think of that. It is a freat waste of opportunity and toil to read latter-day books to the neglect of the great au-

"The dead and sceptered sovereigns who still rule Our spirits from their urns."

There is a new southern "poet" and his name is J Godon Coogler, of Columbia, S. C. It is his fifth volume. It is "purely original verse." Here is a sam-

From early youth to the frost of age Man's days have been a mixture Of all that constitutes in life

A dark and gloomy picture." He may rival that Tennessee woman, name forgotten, who wrote a "Centennial Poem" of great length. We received a copy. It overcame us so we failed to write about it. Writing verse and producing poetry are very different callings and actions. If people knew better what is poetry there would be much less verse written.

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RELIGIOUS EDITORIALS FOR SUNDAY.

In the Gospel of Matthew we learn how cunning Herod was. In 2:8 read that he sent the wise men to Bethlehem telling them: "Go and search diligently for Jesus, and when ye have found Him, bring me word, that I may come and worship Him also." Those last three words show how crafty and dissembling he was! Bent on murdering in Holy Innocent, and with heart filled with hatred, he pretends he really means kindness, affection, even worship. The sinful heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked as the Bible says. In all times it seeks to compass its vile and desperate ends by deceit and lying, or even like cruel Herod, under the garb of piety. Human nature has not changwith the rolling years.

style; Ask for forgiveness, all thy sins display, Cling to the cross in faith-weep, tremble, praise, and pray.

The able editor-one of the ablest we think in the south and with no equal we know of among the editors in his own religious body-Rev. Dr. Hoss, said recently in his paper, the organ of all southern Methodism, just what is

needed to be understood and remem-

-Dean Alford.

bered. He wrote this: "No gentleman will write an anonymous letter. The perfomance is utterly contemptible as it cannot be the thought or imagination of an honorable and self-respecting man. It implies on the one hand deep-seated malice. and, on the other, a cringing cowardice that is ever afraid to say his say openly. The moral 'bushwhacker' who always shoots from under cover is a nuisance not to be tolerated by society. When discovered he should be subjected to an ostracism worse than impris-

onment or exile."

Well said and well deserved. We do not know a more contemptible specimen While new books are extraordinarily grate, such a Pariah, such a social outhigh, and beyond the reach of the poor | cast. He would shoot his poisoned arrow withor respons bility either to God or man, coping to bring down his adversary without possible danger to himself. But God sees this moral coware easy of access and can be brought | ard and his "sin" will be certain "to for comparatively small sums. In find him out." Such a fellow is simply committing moral suicide. The memory of such an one will bring to him scorpion stings. Some one has said that "memory makes half of life's heavens and seventy-five per cent. of its hells."

> A strange special notice appeared lately in The Western Christian Advocate. It is too peculiar to be overlooked. Here it is:

"A pastor in one of the best conferences in Iowa, and who has a \$1,000 charge, wishes to exchange charges with some brother in Ohio. Address Rev. O. J. Simmons, Stockton, Ill." This is news this way. Up north Methodists may trade their circuits or stations but "down south" they would be quickly desciplined. Advertisements of this kind are a disgrace to any

The evangelists multiply. They are of two kinds-good and bad. We do not know that the number of the vulgar, profane and blasphemous sort increases, but the foremost of that type keep up their popularity and draw the great crowds when more respectable, pious and reverent divines who evangelize do not thus attract. Coarseness, indecencies, profanities are enjoyed and laughed at, and men hasten nightly to hear the ribald "vulgarians" when decorous, consecrated, able evangelists would attract one-fourth the crowd. Rev. Dr. Buckley, of The New York Christian Advocate, says of this class of blaspheming evangelists:

"The men who can use the word 'hell' to make a laugh, or put forward the Day of Judgment as the background of a roaring farce, who can deliver wholesale slanders worded in such a way as to imply that all earnest pastors who shrink from endorsing his grossness are in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity, and who can traduce whole denominations because of the conduct of some of their nominal members, bears the same relation to the Christian ministry that the performances of clowns do to the serious orator. The crowds that such men draw are attracted only in part because they profess to preach the Christian religion, and chiefly by the same elements that would support a circus. It is a matter of grave doubt whether there ever was "Dear Sirs:-After suffering from a sore | an evangelist in whose proceedings solemnity did not predominate who directly or indirectly wrought as much good as harm to Christianity."

> Spring is full of terrors to all whose constitution is not able to resist the sudden changes of temperature and other insalubrities of the season. To put the system in condition to overcome these evils, nothing is so effective as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Take it now.

HOME FOLKS.

Let us all rejoice that the probability of having the legislators-save the mark-together again at Raleigh is "remote." What an affliction it would be to have those fellows again in session. No one could tell where their blunders and devilishness would end. "It is better to bear the ills we have than to fly to those we know not of." This is from memory and may not be exact. So don't write about it.

The Sanford Express noting our explanation as to the base ball (which we never warred upon) adds this:

"The Messenger handles irony well is a gift that very few possess. Some

into trouble and causes him to regret that he employed it."

If it will read our paragraph carefully we think it will see it was not really so obscure as to be taken seriously. We know it is best to write at the bottom -"This is sareasm," or "This is irony," but we did not suppose in that particular instance it was needed.

We received a pleasant letter from that really eloquent and gifted North Carolinian and old friend, from San Francisco, who has been doing famous work since he left his native state now nearly a quarter of a century ago. After ten years absence he was returned to the charge of the leading Methodist church in the fine city of the Pacific slope. He found great changes, almost a new congregation. But they received him with great warmth and demonstration. When he left this state he was thin, not weighing, we suppose, more than 130 pounds. Now he Turn to the Saviour, then, in lowly is in perfect health and weighs 180 pounds. He and Dr. John Hanna, a Virginian, we believe, and Bishop Fitzgerald (another North Carolinian) born in Guilford, probably, are the three greatest gifts eastern Methodism has contributed to the Pacific states. Dr. Riddick is an eastern man, but we are not certain as to locality, but of Hertford county probably.

North Carolinians like General Jas H. Lane, who commanded a North Carolina brigade, winning fame for himself and honors for the state that confided in him. A few days ago in Mathews county, Va., his native state, six portraits of distinguished sons of the county were unveiled with due ceremonies at the court house. One also of Jefferson Davis. An account in a communication in The Richmond Dis-

patch says: "The picture of General James H. Lane was unveiled by Miss Susie Sears, daughter of Captain R. T. Sears, and presented by his brother, Dr. Thomas B. Lane, who gave a brief sketch of his distinguished brother. * * From major of the First regiment of North Carolina volunteers, he rose rapidly to brigadier general in 1862, and this when most of the general ifficers were graduates of West Point, and he only 28 chief.' Wounded twice, he still led his men to victory.'

brigade of which it is said: "And never was there a braver band." Captain Octavius Wiggins, of this city, was one of General Lane's trusted soldiers.

SNAPS.

The south will be glad to hear that the venerable General Wade Hampton, after a long critical illness, is gradually recovering. He is now eighty years

North Carolina's progressive daugh ter, Tennessee, has not got ready for its big exhibit, but the time is here. It is desirable that the mother should be there in all of her imposing statehood. But will she?

The Louisville Dispatch is the new democratic paper in that victimized city. It is but ten days old, is pitching into the false Courier-Journal, and already declares it has a larger circulation, as we see it stated.

The war in Europe has an additional responsibility. It is the cause of trade depression in the United States. This depression has lasted for several years, but that maks no difference with the writers of trade reports. It was only another instance of "coming events casting their shadows before."

The lynching of seven negroes at Sunnyside, Texas, was wholesale slaughter. It is always better for humanity and civilization that the regular courts shall do the hanging. We do not know how the one-man power operates in Texas. We hope not like it works in North Carolina.

It is gratifying to know that the aged senator, Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, has recovered of dangerous and protracted sickness, and is able to resume his seat in the senate, of which he is so able and experienced a member. He is a worthy southron, and we believe either born in North Carolina or descended from parents born in this state.

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The Spaniards Capture the Port of Banes.

Havana, via Key West, May 1.-The port of Banes, in Santiago de Cuba, held by General Calixto Garcia and 6,000 Cubans ever since the Laurada landed Roloff's expedition, has been recovered by the Spanish combined army and naval forces under General Gomez Ruberte and Admiral Navarro. The Spanish forces combined at Nipe, and General Gomez Ruberte formed his forces, consisting of two columns, including 700 marines, 400 navy and 1,200 infantry, commanded re- 3 feet 3 inches deep, and weighs two spectively by Lieutenant Colonel Cristoval Nunez and Lieutenant Colonel Ayala, ac-companied by he chief of staff, Lieuten-ant Colonel Kidelan, a native Cuban. Both columns boarded the Spanish fleet under the command of Admiral Navarro. This fleet was composed of the flagship Lagazpi and the men-of-war Reina Mercedes, Neuva Espana, Magellanes, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Galicia and Ligera and protected by artillery, landed under a very heavy fire from the insurgents' musketry at Ramon peninsula, of Banes, losing during the removal of the troops one killed and seevnteen wounded. Meanwhile, the marine forces in the armed boats were sent to recognoitre at the entrance of the port of Banes. They succeeded in removing three wire cables and one torpedo. The Neuva Espana was the first boat to enter he port of Banes. The Ligera followed with Admiral Navarro, General Ruberte and his adjutants on board. The Spanish columns then advanced, protected by fire from the Neuva and often it is hard to tell whether it | Espana, which bombareed the insurgents' is in earnest or merely jesting. This heights, 'altimately capturing the Cuban is a gift that very few possess. Some fortifications with a loss of only forty

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THE APRIL BULLETIN

Of the State Agricultural Department Operations of the Compost Peddler. (Staff Correspondence.)

Raleigh, May 1.

The April bulletin of the agricultural department, issued today says:

"In the March bulletin mention was made of the fact that the board of agriculture as organized under the act of 1877 had been abolished and disbanded. to be succeeded by a board of commissioners under authority of an act of the last general assembly. Consequently the department of agriculture was just twenty years old when it changed hands from one board to the other, and from one political party to another. It is not improper at this time to glance back upn the work of the former board and bring to view a few of its leading

achievements. Twenty years ago the board of agriculture began its work from the ground, and has been building continually since that time. With no data to start with, it bravely started the work it was charged with accomplishing. The first experimental years were laborious and vigilant, but always progressive. Then the real work of permanence and value began to command attention and the results years of age. And not only did he win to come to the state. It established this promotion by recommendation of one among the first fish hatcheries in Lee, Jackson, etc., but by a petition the United States, and the results of from the brigade. 'And never was that work are still manifest in the there braver band, or one with braver | waters of the state; it surveyed the deposits of pyrites in search of suitable material for conversion into sulphuric Remember it was a North Carolina acid; it explored the phosphate beds of the coastal formations; it promoted the search for merchantable coal in the deposits of this state; it made exhaustive exhibitions of the state's natural resources in great expositions at Vienna, Atlanta, Boston, New Orleans and Chicago; it surveyed the oyster beds; it has aided the development of the sand-hill region; it has built and equipped the finest museum in the south; it has persistently advertised North Carolina, especially through handbooks, until it is today the best known, and is regarded as the most progressive, up-to-date state in the south. Besides these things, it has carefully and consistently taught better methods in the cultivation of all crops and promoted the introduction of new varieties of plants and fruits, and improved breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry; it has shown the way to the renovation of wornout soils and adopted every means in its power for the upbuilding of the best interests of the farmer, trucker, miner, lumberman and fisherman. Its record is before the people; the results of its faithful discharge of the manifold duties enforced by law will be felt for years to come. Some tribute is due the retiring board for the great work accomplished under its auspices, but space is too limited here to go more fully into the subject, except to say that credit should be given where credit is due. The retiring board presents I WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN RECto its succesors in office the best equipped and most effective department of the kind in the south. It behooves the incoming administration to keep up the pace, to see to it that it holds the supremacy over similar institutions in the south and that the onward march

of progress is quickened." Bulletin No. 137, describing the operations of the compost peddler in the state, has been widely distributed. Since its publication we have found additional evidence of the truth of the assertion made by the station that these operations were fraudulent. In a letter received from the commissioner of agriculture of Georgia, the following is extracted:

"I denounced him by name in 150 weekly papers of this state in January, and again this month, and now if he will only come into this state again I think he will be landed in the chain-

We have also found that the distributing agents, who sold the chemicals on the order of the president of the socalled company, did so without knowledge that they participated in such a fraud, and they have since renounced all connection with the company. It is also learned that these agents, as stated by them, have not sold the chemicals to that date to any parties in Norh Carolina, but have shipped some to parties in Georgia. It seems, therfore, that the experiment station's warning has proven of great value and very opportune.

STATISTICAL AND INDUSTRIAL

During the year 1896, Great Britain imported 1,589,387,000 ergs. Russia and northern Italy are now the greatest egg producing countries in Europe.

A copper pan, said to be the largest ever made from one piece of metal, has been turned out in Swansea, England. It is 12 feet 4 inches in diameter, tons.

F. A. Richards, of Hartford, Conn., has taken out 437 patents, more than any other person except Mr. Edison. Mr. Richards' patents have been mostly in the line of machines for making paper envelopes.

Russia's confidence in oil fuel for warships larger than torpedo boats seems to be wavering. The General Admiral Apraxin, now building, is to use oil for half its boilers and coal for the other half, but all other oceangoing vessels are to continue to use ccal alone.

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